

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MAY 7, 2012

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

HANGER 200

Greg Behmer informed the Board that the USDA is ready to close on the loan. The USDA needs the Board to sign that they have all of the required permits. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the paperwork. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

LEO RUMSCHLAG

Leo Rumschlag introduced himself to the Board and explained that he has a company that does bridge inspections. He explained the scope of work he performs and asked to be considered the next time that Miami County has a need for bridge inspections.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe told the Board that she has an employee that will be retiring and she will need to replace her. The Board asked her to advertise the position.

RECORDER

Recorder Brenda Weaver explained to the Board that she will need to have a new fund created (Elected Official Training Fund) and she will need to go to the Council to have an ordinance done. She will also need to create a policy regarding the fund.

HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL

Ken Scott explained to the Board that an alarm for the refrigerator in the Health department is needed and he would like to apply for a grant to get one. Commissioner Francis made a motion to support the Health department to apply for a grant, get another key to the Nurse's office and allow Mr. Scott's assistant a key to the building. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz told the Board that a mechanic is leaving and he just lost two operators. There have not been any raises in 4 years and he is starting to lose his employees. He has lost staff over the last couple of years that he has not replaced and reduced spending every where he could. The Highway department gets its revenue from other sources and is not funded with property tax. There was some discussion regarding the Highway department going on a matrix system similar to the Sheriff's department. Mr. Waltz stated that the Board of Commissioners, by statute, is the head of the Highway department and he is asking for their blessing to request a raise for his employees.

Commissioner Faust asked what would happen if the Board supported this request and then another department such as the Recorder came and asked the same thing. The Recorder stated she is a supporter of the Highway and would not have an issue with it. Steve McAuliffe, Council, stated that if Mr. Waltz is considering asking for a matrix he would need to submit a matrix budget at budget time.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to support Mr. Waltz in asking for a raise for his employees. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ELEVATOR FLOOR

The Recorder thanked the Board for fixing the elevator floor. Thanks go to Commissioner Faust for getting it done.

10:00 DOOR ISSUE

The Board set aside 10:00 as a time offices could come and discuss the change in the time of the doors opening in the mornings. The doors used to open at 7 am but due to people wondering around in the Courthouse and getting into offices before they are open the Commissioner changed the time to 7:45. The Prosecutors office complained that

people had got into one of their offices. Deputy Tim Hunter explained that a couple of women went into one of the offices.

Commissioner Francis stated that since the Courthouse hours are 8 – 4 he sees no need for the building to be unlocked at 7. After much discussion, the Commissioners asked the Office holders to present a list of who needs keys to the building and they would get the keys for them but the building would remain locked to 7:45.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey came before the Board to discuss needing more space in his office. Deputy Prosecutor Brent Davis, 4D, will be retiring on July 1st and he would like to take out a wall and make 3 offices. Privacy is a big issue in his office and he would like to make sure the walls are insulated and go all the way to the ceiling. He would also like some film on the windows because he is in plain view of everyone and doesn't feel it is safe. All surrounding Courthouses are down to one door and are equipped with scanners and he feels security needs to be tighter here in Miami County. The Board will check on some options.

HANGER 200 PROJECT

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, informed the Board that the USDA is ready to close on the loan and OCRA is ready to close on the grant. Mr. Tidd brought the paperwork for the Board to sign. There are two different bonds to be signed, one for \$4,891,400 and the 2nd one for \$2,300,000 which totals the \$7,191,400. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign both bond papers. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller informed the Board that Jack Krause has been able to work through a lot of the problems at the jail.

Sheriff Miller also discussed making the Sex/Violent Offender position a merit position. Since he moved a jail Deputy into that position and has him going out and checking on them, he needs to be a merit deputy and go the academy in case he walks into a situation where he would need the powers afforded to a merit deputy. The Sheriff could also use him for a backup. Commissioner Francis made a motion to support the Sheriff going before the Council to ask to make the position a merit deputy. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen asked the Board if they would like for him to write a letter declining the sign grant since we are where we need to be with signs. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Mr. Einselen to write the letter. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen also presented a letter from the Wabash River Heritage Corridor regarding roads in Miami County that would be within that Corridor.

MINUTES

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PERU UTILITIES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the letter concerning the property that they turned over to the Utilities. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

The Board worked on more updates to the Personnel Policy.

SOLID WASTE

Audrey Diaz came before the Board to ask why everyone had to pay a Solid Waste bill. She doesn’t use any of the services and doesn’t she should have to pay it. The Board informed her it is mandated by the State.

FILING CABINETS

The Museum is in need of some filing cabinets and there are some in the old jail. The Board decided to let the Museum have some of them.

STRUCTURE POINT

Jack Krause, Structure Point, informed the Board that they do own the right of way by the old Max Pitts so they don’t need the triangle that they were asked about.

NOTARY

There has been an issue with getting things notarized so the Board asked one of their floats to become a notary and they agreed.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley